

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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### **Deputy Mayor Atkins Sponsors Blood Drive For Gulf Coast Disaster Victims Monday**

#### **Deputy Mayor Joins City Employees In Effort to Help Increase National Blood Supply**

SAN DIEGO -- In an effort to help increase the nation's blood supply in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins, in participation with the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, AFSCME Local 127, San Diego City Firefighters Local 145, and the San Diego Police Officers Association, will co-sponsor a blood drive this Monday, September 12. The San Diego Blood Bank's Bloodmobile will be located at the City Concourse Plaza at Third Avenue and B Street from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Atkins will be on hand to donate blood and welcome blood drive participants.

"It has been encouraging to see the collective efforts of the people of San Diego help the survivors of Hurricane Katrina in every capacity possible," said Atkins. "Donating blood is another crucial effort to assist in the medical needs of the survivors. This is just one more way public employees can assist our fellow Americans during this difficult time."

The San Diego Blood Bank has emphasized that the need for blood at the Gulf Coast states will be ongoing, especially over the next few weeks, as disaster victims require additional care or in the event of further emergencies.

Deputy Mayor Atkins, the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, AFSCME Local 127, San Diego City Firefighters Local 145, and the San Diego Police Officers Association are encouraging their members and the general public to stop by the Bloodmobile and either give blood or make a monetary donation to the American Red Cross in the name of the Disaster Victims Fund. The San Diego Blood Bank will facilitate the transfer of the donated supply to the Gulf Coast states.

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